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## Rick Wilson

### Senior Staff Scientist

Rick Wilson has a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from Stanford University and a Masters degree in Business Administration from California State University, Long Beach. He is a Professional Chemical Engineer in California. Rick joined the staff at Surfrider in October 2002. His responsibilities include researching and updating Surfrider's State of the Beach report, writing articles on Surfrider's Beachapedia.org website, assisting chapters with water quality issues, and responding to environmental inquiries from members and the general public.

#### Credentials:

#### **Work:**

Rick has over 40 years of broad-based experience dealing with environmental and coastal issues as an engineer, environmental consultant (with such firms as CDM and Kennedy/Jenks) and environmental activist. He is principal author of Surfrider Foundation's online State of the Beach report and a major contributor to the Foundation's coastal wiki [Beachapedia](http://Beachapedia). He assists Surfrider chapter activists with water quality, water recycling, and other coastal management issues.

#### **Areas of Expertise:**

- Water Quality (Microbiology, Monitoring, Stormwater)
- Wastewater Treatment
- Desalination
- Coastal Zone Management

#### **Credentials:**

- M.B.A., California State University, Long Beach (1976)
- B.S., Chemical Engineering, Stanford University (1969)
- Professional Chemical Engineer, California (inactive)
- Presentation – Surfrider's State of the Beach Report, TCS Conference (2004)
- Poster – Surfrider Foundation Blue Water Task Force, EPA Beaches Conference (2004)
- Presentation – Surfrider Foundation Blue Water Task Force, National Volunteer Monitoring Conference (2006)
- Presentation – Surfrider Perspectives on Bolsa Chica, Headwaters to Ocean Conference (2007)
- Presentation – Health Issues from Coastal Waters – Sick from Surfing? Western Occupational Health Conference (2010)
- Member, State Water Resources Control Board, Beach Water Quality Workgroup
- Member, Blue Ribbon Panel for review of Orange County Sanitation District's plans for construction of secondary treatment facilities (2004)
- Participant, Technical Advisory Committee, San Diego Pure Water Program